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Mr. James J. Steele, Division Administrator
Federal Highway Administration
315 West Allegan, Room 201
Lansing, Michigan 48933

Dear Mr. Steele:

This letter is to request an extension of the FY 2006 – FY 2008 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) through October 31, 2007.

For the first time, the Michigan Department of Transportation, in cooperation with the Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) and the Federal Highway Administration, have implemented the uniform STIP program and process in the development of the FY 2008 – FY 2011 STIP/TIP. However, several issues have arisen as we moved to the electronic submittal. These issues have been discussed with your planning staff and they are in agreement that extending the existing STIP is a viable option to allow approval of a new STIP that is inclusive of the majority of the MPOs.

In addition, it should be noted that FY 2008 of the existing MPO TIPs and rural STIP was amended to be consistent with FY 2008 of the proposed FY 2008 – FY 2011 document to the extent possible.

If you have any questions, please contact Marsha L. Small, Manager, Statewide Planning Section, at 517-373-9054.

Sincerely,

Susan P. Mortel, Director
Bureau of Transportation Planning

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cc: Marsha L. Small